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January 31, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF A TRANSPORTABLE WATER FILTRATION SYSTEM
FROM FIRST WATER INC.
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to accept the donation of a pair of transportable water filtration systems from First Water, Inc., of Atlanta, Georgia to the Department of Health Services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept a pair of transportable water filtration systems with a total market value of \$18,490, donated by First Water, Inc., (First Water) of Atlanta, Georgia, to filter water for use in a water disruption event and delegate authority to the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to sign any documents to effectuate the donation subject to prior review and approval by County Counsel.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, to prepare and send a letter of appreciation to First Water for the generous donation to the Department of Health Services (DHS).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In accordance with County policy, donations in excess of \$10,000 require acceptance by your Board. DHS' Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency is the recipient of a pair of transportable water filtration systems donated by First Water that will benefit residents patients requiring clean water during a water disruption. Approval of the first recommendation will allow the DHS' EMS Agency to accept the donation and the second recommendation will acknowledge receipt of the generous donation.

DHS' EMS Agency is responsible for planning, monitoring, and evaluating the local EMS system, which is the largest multi-jurisdictional EMS system in the country. The EMS Agency is also responsible for coordinating the medical response in disasters, working with hospitals, clinics, EMS provider agencies, long-term care facilities, and other healthcare entities. In this role, the EMS Agency provides and/or obtains needed resources to ensure medical care is provided to victims of disasters.

Natural and man-made disasters could affect the water supply and impact the healthcare community's ability to provide medical care. The donated water filtration systems will provide an important resource that supports access to potable water, which will increase the response capabilities of the County and DHS. Non-potable and compromised water sources can be purified with this equipment to supply water to maintain medical operations.

With the new water filtration systems in place, it is anticipated that County's medical response capabilities will be enhanced and better able to meet the emergency patient care needs that are supported with the deployment of the Mobile Medical System.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There are no immediate net County costs associated with the acceptance of the pair of transportable water filtration systems. The systems have a market value of \$18,490, and are portable free standing units.

These systems would only be used during a disaster, after which filters would have to be replaced. The estimated cost of these filters would be approximately \$2,300 and can be purchased from either the donor or County-approved vendors through the County's regular purchasing process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 2.4.2 of the County Fiscal Manual states that County departments must request Board approval to accept donations in excess of \$10,000.

In the event of a major disaster or emergency, it is the EMS Agency's responsibility to coordinate various resources, keep communications efficient, bring necessary supplies and services where needed, and oversee all operations affecting emergency medical treatments. Acceptance of this donation will assist in fulfilling this responsibility.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will help enhance the quality of emergency health care delivered to patients throughout the County of Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Katz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mitchell" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Katz".

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

January 31, 2012

Mr. Stephen R. Flaim
President
First Water, Inc.
1125 Waterford Green Point
Marietta, Georgia 30068

Dear Mr. Flaim:

At the meeting held on January 31, 2012, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted, with gratitude, the donation of a pair of transportable water filtration systems with a market value of \$18,490 for use by the Department of Health Services Emergency Medical Services Agency. These systems will enhance the Department's Emergency Medical Services Agency's ability to provide clean water for drinking, sanitation and patient care, thereby augmenting the quality of emergency health care delivered to residents throughout the County of Los Angeles.

The Board members have requested that I express their appreciation to First Water, Inc. for this generous donation.

Very truly yours,

Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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